

AMENDMENT IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended):

A cord organizer comprising:

a base having first and second ends ~~a first end and a second end, the second end defining a slot therethrough~~ and a slot through said second end; said base being of a length permitting a cord to be looped around it; and

a strap having a first end attached to the first end of said base, and a second, free end adapted to slide in the slot through the second end of said base; and ~~a second end, the first end is attached to the first end of said base, the second end is free from permanent attachment and is adapted to be securely received by the slot defined by the second end of said base~~

and a latch graspable by a user for releasable securing the second end of said strap in the slot through the second end of said base.

Claim 2 (currently amended):

The cord organizer of claim 1, wherein said latch includes a plurality of female pawl elements along the strap, a male pawl element for engaging one of the female pawl elements to secure the second end of said strap in the slot through the second end of said base, and a lever for releasing the male pawl element from the female pawl elements so that the second end of the strap can be pulled from the slot, further comprising:

~~— a latch for releasably securing the second end of said strap in the slot defined by the second end of said base.~~

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled):

Claim 5 (original):

The cord organizer of claim 1, further comprising:

a cord end clip attached to said base.

Claim 6 (currently amended):

The cord organizer of claim 1, further comprising:

a cord coupling clip attached to said base; and

a cord end adaptor including opposed raised edges, said cord end adaptor for attachment to a cord and ~~said cord end adaptor~~ is adapted to be received by said cord coupling clip.

Claim 7 (currently amended):

The cord organizer of claim 1, further comprising:

an electrical extension cord having a cord adaptor including raised edges integrally molded into a section thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended):

The cord organizer of claim 1, wherein said base includes first and second telescopically interconnected base members permitting adjustment of the length of said base ~~a first base member that is telescopically received by a second base member so that the length of said base is adjustable.~~

Claim 9 (original):

The cord organizer of claim 8, wherein the first base member is frictionally received by the second base member.

Claim 10 (original):

The cord organizer of claim 8, further comprising:

a positive locking means for releasably securing the first base member to the second base member so as to prevent inadvertent adjustment of the length of said base.

Claim 11 (currently amended):

The cord organizer of claim 10, wherein said positive locking means includes resilient tab on said second base member, a projection on said tab, and a plurality of recesses in the first base member for releasably receiving the projection. ~~an projection extending from the second base member which is received by one of a plurality of recesses formed into the first base member.~~

Claim 12 (canceled):

Claim 13 (currently amended):

An adjustable cord organizer for securely retaining a coiled cord comprising:

a base of adjustable length including first and second telescopically interconnected base members permitting adjustment of the length of said base; ~~having a first base member and a second base member, the second base member telescopically receives the first base member therein;~~

a flexible strap having a first end attached to the first base member, and a free second end adapted to be slidable in a slot in the second base member ~~and a second end, the first end is attached to the first base member, the second end is free from permanent attachment and is adapted to be securely received by a slot defined by the second base member;~~ and

a latch graspable by a user for releasably securing the second end of said strap in the slot ~~defined by the second base member.~~

Claim 14 (original):

The adjustable cord organizer of claim 13, further comprising:

a cord end clip attached to the second base member.

Claim 15 (currently amended):

The adjustable cord organizer of claim 14, further comprising:

a cord coupling clip attached to first base member; and
a cord end adaptor including opposed raised edges, said cord end adaptor for attachment to a cord and ~~said cord end adaptor is adapted to be received by said cord coupling clip.~~

Claim 16 (original):

The adjustable cord organizer of claim 15 further comprising:

a swivel connector attached at one end to said cord coupling clip and attached at a second end to said base.

Claim 17 (currently amended):

The adjustable cord organizer of claim 15, wherein said cord end adaptor is generally cylindrical in shape and defines a longitudinal bore for securely receiving a cord ~~therewithin.~~

Claims 18-20 (canceled):

Claim 21 (new):

The cord organizer of claim 1, wherein said first and second ends are perpendicular to the remainder of said base to define sidewalls for preventing slipping of a cord from the base.